Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* You can take it as Rs. 1,500 or Rs. 2,000.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government inquire into the matter of bridges once again?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I will do that.

GRATUITIES SANCTIONED BY THE CEYLON GOVERNMENT— DISBURSEMENT OF

97. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas- Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of persons to whom gratuities sanctioned by the Ceylon Government were disbursed through Cochin treasuries;

(*b*) the amount so disbursed;

(*c*) the balance to be paid?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Information cannot be furnished, since the period is not defined.

(*c*) The balance to be paid at the end of May 1940 in respect of sanctions received till that date was Rs. 13,797—12—4.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when the Government got the first requisition from the Ceylon Government to disburse these gratuities through our treasuries.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know what is the delay in disbursing the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no delay on our part.

LICENSES UNDER NEWSPAPERS ACT

98. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any provision in the Newspapers Act to the effect that if the printer and publisher of a newspaper is dead, *ipso facto*, the license for the paper is cancelled;

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(*b*) if so, what is the relevant section in the Act or the Rules framed thereunder for this interpretation?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Section 3 of the Act and the Rules issued thereunder.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I take it from the Law Member that he agrees with me in thinking that there is no provision in the Act or the Rules that, if the printer or publisher dies, the license stands cancelled?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General):* If the section and the rules are read in the light of the connotation of the word "license" in law, it will follow that if a person to whom a license is granted dies, that license *ipso facto* terminates.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Why should you cancel the license? Suppose a printer is dead. When his heir or successor in office applies to Government to substitute his name in the license, why can't you do that?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General):* Because a license is not heritable.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* That is the practice obtaining in the Excise Department.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advcoate General):* Here the license given is under the Newspapers Act and it is strictly personal. Government have been very careful to see that no inconvenience is caused to anybody.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Suppose the printer or publisher of a daily paper dies to-morrow. Then that paper will have to stop publication.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General):* Under the Newspapers Act, no prosecution lies without the sanction of the Government and the Government will see in proper cases that no inconvenience is caused.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the license given to the person or the press?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General):* The license is given to the person.

Mr. President: Was there any specific instance?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* The printer of the "Malabar Mail" died recently and the Government wanted to launch a prosecution.

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Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate General):* No. There was a specific order of the Diwan that no action should be taken.

POLICE HELP—REQUISITION OF

99. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any requisition or order was received by the Cherpu Police on 23rd Edavam 1115, 24th Edavam 1115 or 25th Edavam 1115 to accompany the amin or assist him on the occasion of the delivery of possession of an immovable property in Avinisseri village, Trichur Taluk as per a decree of the Trichur Munsiff's Court;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, from whom was the order or requisition received by the Police;

(*c*) whether any constable or constables or other officers were sent to the spot (their names may be given); whether those who were deputed thus have made any report to the station about the occurrence in the place of delivery of possession;

(*d*) whether there was any resistance to delivery by some *bona fide* claimant of the property;

(*e*) how and what did the Police act to remove obstruction to delivery;

(*f*) what are the functions of the Police on occasions like this, when their services are requisitioned for removing obstructions to delivery of immovable property?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From the 2nd class Magistrate, Trichur.

(*c*) (*i*) Yes, P. C. 492, Govinda Menon; (*ii*) he has reported that he preserved peace at the spot and that there was nothing particular.

(*d*) There was no resistance.

(*e*) No reply necessary in view of reply to (*d*).

(*f*) To see that the amin is not molested or obstructed in the discharge of his duty.

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